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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Hans Rudolf MUELLER et al.

Examiner: T. McKenzie

Serial No.: 09/551,405 *for*

Group Art Unit: 1624

Filed: April 17, 2000

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For: STABLE CRYSTALLINE SLATS OF 5-METHYLTETRAHYDROFOLIC ACID

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the office action dated May 7, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 8 as follows:

8. (Twice Amended) A method of producing crystalline salts of 5-methy-(6R,S)-, - (6S)- and 5-methyl-(6R)-tetrahydrofolic acid, comprising subjecting a salt of 5-methyl-(6R,S)-, - (6S)- or -(6R)-tetrahydrofolic acid in a polar medium to a thermal treatment at a temperature above 60° Celsius and thereafter crystallizing said salt within said polar medium at room temperature or above.

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